

SHORT NOTE

LILIACEAE: SOME NAME CHANGES IN THE *URGINEAE* COMPLEX

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In Optima Leaflets from the Landesmuseum of Linz, Austria, **104**: 193–237 (1980) Speta referred to three old generic names described by Rafinesque in his *Flora Telluriana* **3**: 52–53, 60 (1837; as '1836'), which belong to the *Urgineae* complex but were overlooked until now.

Two of these, *Tenicroa* and *Pilasia* (1837), are congeneric with *Sypharissa* Salisb. (1864), which becomes a synonym. Speta selected the genus *Tenicroa* Rafin. and placed *Pilasia* Rafin. as a synonym of it.

Herewith the four species of the genus:

1. ***Tenicroa fragrans*** (Jacq.) Rafin., Flor. Tell. **3**: 52 (1837 as '1836'); Speta in Optima Leaflets **104**: 195 (1980). Type species of genus. The name *Tenicroa*, translated as 'coloured ribbon' by Rafinesque, refers to the banded cataphylls.

Anthericum fragrans Jacq., Hort. Schoenbr. 1, t. 86 (1797), basionym. *Sypharissa fragrans* (Jacq.) Salisb. ex Oberm. in Bothalia **13**: 113 (1980). For further synonymy consult the latter publication.

2. ***Tenicroa exuviata*** (Jacq.) Speta in Optima Leaflets **104**: 195 (1980). *Anthericum exuviatum* Jacq., Icon. **2**: 18, t. 415 (1794), basionym. *Sypharissa exuviata* (Jacq.) Salisb. ex Oberm. in Bothalia **13**: 113 (1980).

3. ***Tenicroa filifolia*** (Jacq.) Oberm., comb. nov. *Anthericum filifolium* Jacq., Icon. Pl. Rar. **2** (8): t. 414 (1794), basionym. *Pilasia filifolia* (Jacq.) Rafin., Fl. Tell. **3**: 536 (1837). *Sypharissa filifolia* (Jacq.) Salisb. ex Oberm. in Bothalia **13**: 113 (1980).

4. ***Tenicroa multifolia*** (Lewis) Oberm., comb. nov. *Urginea multifolia* Lewis in Ann. S. Afr. Mus. **40**: 9 (1952), basionym. *Sypharissa multifolia* (Lewis) Oberm. in Bothalia **13**: 114 (1980).

The third genus, *Strepsiphyla* Raf., Fl. Tell. **3**: 60 (1837), was based on *Drimia villosa* Lindl. in Bot. Reg. t. 1346 (1830). Rafinesque believed to have observed that the tepals were of unequal length and he therefore described it as a new genus. However, all are equally long. The name is rejected.

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